

## BOXERS LEARN LITTLE OF GAME; LEARN TO "COVER UP," NOT FIGHT

Youthful Aspirants Often Have No Money to Pay For Instruction, and as Result, They Take Up "Shell-game" as Safe Measure and Do Not Box; Johnny Coulon, Comeback, Gave Lesson in Boxing.

By T. S. ANDREWS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 9.—Most boxers nowadays do not take the time to learn the first rudiments of the game. They start very young, as a rule, and get their lessons by watching other boxers in gymnasiums, the result being that most of them become what the fans term "shell boxers" from the start. They "get into their shell," and out of the three minutes' duration of the round they may "open up" and box probably 30 seconds, or sometimes one minute. In a ten round contest, this average would constitute about ten minutes of real fighting. No wonder the fans howl at the "shell boxers." It is enough to make them swear off from attending such shows.

**They Get Off Wrong.**  
The troubles seem to be in the starting. If gymnasium instructors or boxing professors would point out to the beginners the necessity of learning the first principles of the game there would be some improvement. The boxer, for example, should learn to box before he learns to "cover up." The youngsters, that is, most of them, have no means with which to pay for a tutor and consequently they follow the "shell" course, which is the "shell game."

It was a treat to watch Johnny Coulon, the ex-champion bantamweight, give Johnny Ritchie, a real boxing lesson at Kenosha, Wis., last week. The boys fought ten rounds. Coulon, weighing 110 pounds and Ritchie 115 at 2 o'clock. It was a "comeback" match for Coulon, and to a certain extent the little fellow made good. He was not with all his old-time cleverness and for five rounds Ritchie could not lay a glove on him.

**Judgment of Distance Remarkable.**  
His judgment of distance was remarkable when it is considered that he has been out of the ring about three years. It was surely good for more eyes. He was not with all his old-time cleverness and for five rounds Ritchie could not lay a glove on him.

It was just as wonderful a bit of clever boxing as Freddy Welsh displayed against Ever Hammer of Chicago the night previous at Milwaukee. As to whether Coulon can do a "comeback" in a longer battle or against a

harder hitter than Ritchie, is another question.

**Coulon Begun to Fire.**  
It was apparent that he began to fire a bit after the sixth round, but still Ritchie could do nothing against him, even with his rushing tactics for the ex-champion's blocking and general defense was high perfect. However, aiming is a necessary adjunct in a hard battle, and Johnny will have to satisfy himself as to whether he can stand the pace before he goes into a big fight against stars like "Kid" Williams, Johnny Brito, Eddie Camp and Pete Herman. If some of the youngsters will try to follow Coulon's lead, the game of boxing—that is, as to style of sparring—we may yet have some real scientific boxing instead of the "shell" or "boxed kangaroo."

**Many Want to Fight Welsh.**  
With several of the lightweight contenders for the championship seeking special matches with Freddy Welsh over the marathon route, there promises to be something doing in that division in the near future, especially in view of the fact that Welsh has indicated that he may retire for good before long. In fact, Freddy has announced that he may quit the game July 1, but there are reasons for believing that he may change his mind.

Charlie White, Ritchie Mitchell and Benny Leonard are hot on his trail for title matches, also Mithun Saylor of Indianapolis, and Ever Hammer of Chicago. Welsh demands his price for a title match, but there is no club willing to put up the desired amount for such a contest.

White had the match nearly clinched some time ago, but a difference over \$2000 kept it at that time. Now Ever Hammer and his friends have made a bid for a title match, having offered to pay Welsh his price. Ritchie Mitchell's friends in Milwaukee have also been busy about the same lines, and it would not be surprising to hear of another candidate offering Welsh his price for a championship match with the beer city lad. Should Welsh retire without losing his title it would leave the lightweight championship in as bad a muddle as the middleweight and welterweight titles have been since the death of Stanley Ketchel and the retirement of Ray Brown, who claimed the 145 pound crown.

### WILLS AND CLARK START NEGRO ELIMINATION BOUTS

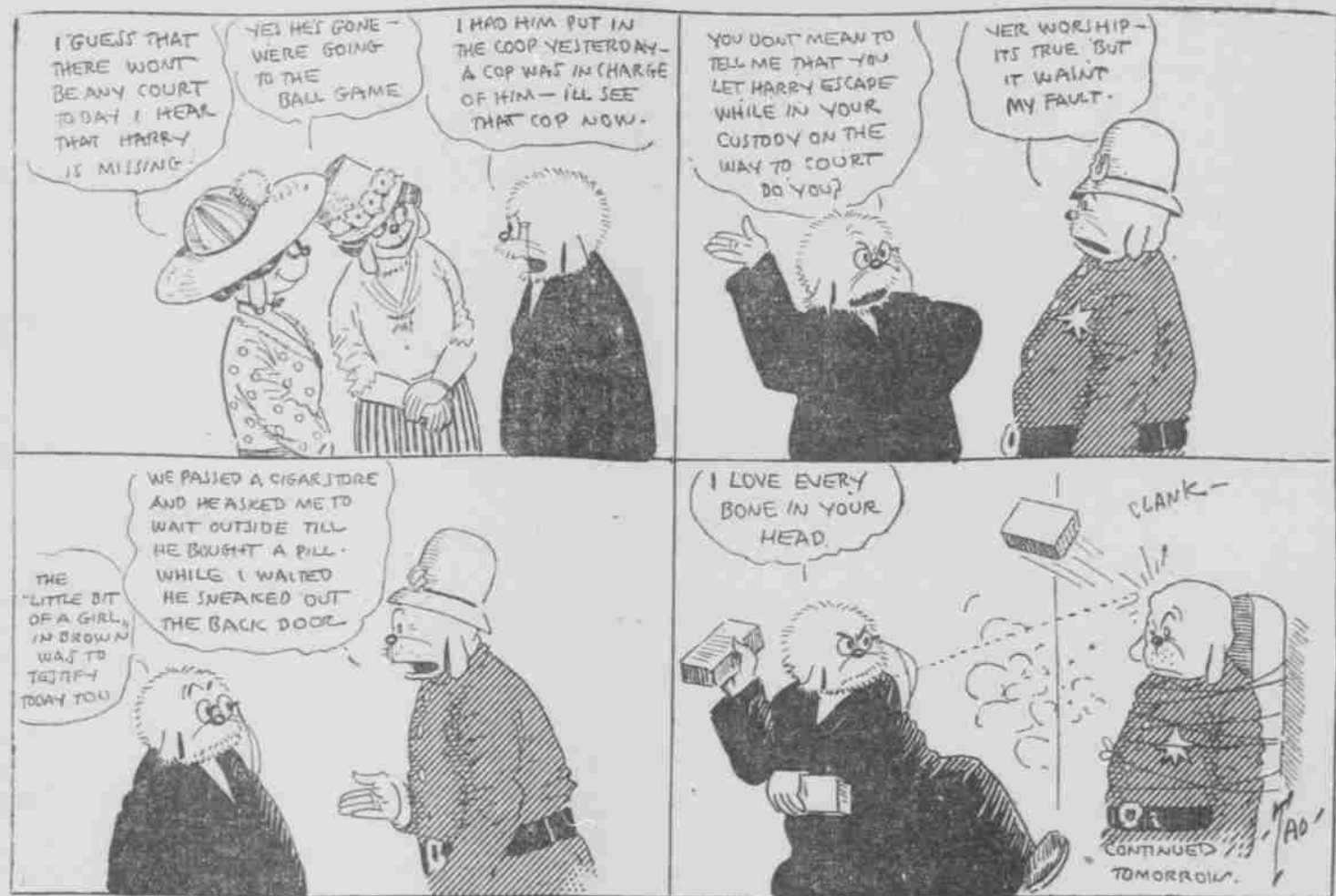
St. Louis, Mo., May 9.—Announcement was made Monday night by the matchmaker for a local boxing organization that arrangements have been completed for a match here May 19 between Harry Wills of New Orleans and Jeff Clark of Denver, the first of a proposed series of heavy-weight elimination bouts. The winner of the Wills-Clark bout, it was announced, would meet Sam McVey and the final contest would be between the winner of the McVey fight and Jack Johnson. If Johnson cannot come to the United States for the final bout of the series, the matchmaker stated, the match would be staged either in Havana or Juarez.

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## OLD JUDGE RUMHAUSER

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BY TAD



## "Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK"

**CLAIMING** the welterweight title, Jack Britton is now "some chesty." He has come out with a challenge to Paddy McFarland and offers to give his share of the purse to charity if he fails to win either by a knockout or by a referee's decision.

**WONDER** of wonders—the meek and mild Athletics trimmed the Senators, with Walter Johnson working, in Monday's American League game at Philadelphia! Connie Mack sent Myers to the mound and the youngster appears to have pitched championship ball.

**REPRESENTATIVES** of five states will compete in the Border States tennis championships at Tucson, starting Wednesday. The El Paso delegation will be a strong one and several of the trophies should come to El Paso.

**PLANS** of the Rio Grande league are advancing slowly but surely. John McCloskey has a big job on his hands in Pueblo but is making good progress. Amarillo fans are not waiting for his arrival there but are doing their own organizing and will have a stock company with a full treasury. Some sports in that town all right!

**TRIS SPEAKER** hasn't exactly been setting the American league on fire with his hitting at Cleveland. Smith copped the batting honors of the Indians on Monday, getting two doubles and a single, while Speaker had to be content with one single.

**SHUTOUTS** appear to be getting the regular thing in the major leagues this year. Either the pitchers are better than they were at this time last year or the batters are not as good.

**HANS WAGNER** demonstrated, Monday, that age isn't affecting his batting. He clouted out three singles in the second game of the doubleheader at Chicago and got a double in the first game.

**GEORGE MCCONNELL**, the lanky pitcher of the Cubs, takes great delight in beating the Pirates. Barney Dreyfuss expressed his opinion of Federal pitchers in rather decided terms last fall and George simply likes to demonstrate that Barney was wrong. McConnell pitched a two hit game against the Cubs in the last series and on Monday he allowed them seven scattered hits when the Cubs won the first game of the doubleheader, 2 to 1.

**ONCE** more St. Joseph was saved from defeat on Monday. The Saints had no game scheduled.

**ONLY** way the Giants can keep from losing is to have the game called off for rain or wet grounds.

**MINOR** league salaries get away with \$900,000 a month, according to the dopsters who have been working on the figures of the secretary of the National association, showing that 6000 players are under contract.

**CLIFF HILL** is due to pitch for Waco this afternoon and if Shreveport will kindly lose, the Waco team will likely go to the top of the Texas league pile.

**OFFICIAL** averages of the Texas league, including the games of May 2, show that Cliff Hill, the El Paso youngster with the Waco club, is tied for second place among the pitchers. He had won four and lost one game. Leverett, of Shreveport, with three wins and no losses, led the league.

## In Boyland:

School Sports, Juvenile Sports, Boys' Amateur Sports, and News and Gossip of the "Future Greats." BY "BECK"

**BOYS** of Lamar school desire to thank, through this column, Miss Pullman, their playground teacher, for the coaching which enabled them to win the seventh annual track and field meet of the Grammar Schools Athletic League on Saturday and state that all the credit for the Lamar victory is due to the efforts of Miss Pullman.

The Alta Vista school team, champions of the Grammar School league, will meet an all-star team picked from the other teams of the league in an exhibition game at Rio Grande park on Saturday morning, starting at 10 o'clock.

Names of the all-star players have not yet been announced but an effort is to be made to secure the strongest boys' team which has ever played in the city.

Las Cruces Juniors report themselves as very much disappointed because the El Paso Red Sox did not go to Las Cruces on Saturday for the game which had been arranged with the Juniors.

The Las Cruces Juniors are coming to El Paso on Saturday, next, to play the Orchard Parks if that date is suitable.

able to the Parks, and the valley team desires a doubleheader. The Juniors want to hear from the Orchard Parks as soon as possible regarding the Saturday game and will also be glad to hear from any other team desiring a game on that date.

The Orchard Parks challenge the Mendenhall-Dunnigan-Ryan team, Manager Taylor, of the Parks, states that his boys are quite capable of taking the measure of the hardware team.

### OMAHA GETS SILVER CUP AWARDED WESTERN LEAGUE

Topeka, Kas., May 8.—Omaha will be awarded the silver loving cup offered by Gov. Arthur Capper of Kansas, to the team in the Western league that had the largest attendance on opening day, according to a message from president F. C. Zechring, received here today.

The official attendance on opening day, he said, was:

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## "HI" WILL PLAY MINERS AGAIN

Both Teams Prepare For Hot Battle; Chris Fox Breaks Two Fingers.

By "DUKE" EVANS.  
The local High school ball team are warming up every afternoon out at Washington park under the leadership of Capt. Franklin Williams for their second encounter with the Miners from the School of Mines. Though the Miners were the victors in the first encounter by a small margin, the High boys are determined to get revenge. Chris Fox, center of the High's best all around athletes, and who had recently called for a big out, has had the misfortune to break two of the fingers of his right hand while cranking his machine last Saturday, so the High school will miss this hustling young man from the lineup.

At Tatum, the City leaguer, has announced his intention of coming out to help clean up the Miners. The other mainstay of the High, Williams will depend upon to clean the pill as Abner, the husky young center fielder, and Glenn Power, alias "Joe Bush," who will also be counted to knock the cover off the offerings of the Miners' pitcher.

Capt. Williams has been trying to get "Smithy," the star slab recent date, to come out and help with the twirling end of the game. If the Miners have a couple more good pitchers they would give most of the teams a run for their money.

The School of Mines baseball squad is working out every day out at Port Hills, getting into shape for their contest with the High. The Miners next Thursday out at Rio Grande park and for their game with coach Russell's Aggies at Mesilla Park next Saturday. Coach "Tommy" Dwyer of the Miners, has gathered together a bunch of national pastimes that should give the Aggies a run for their money.

Scott Walker is showing great form as a pitcher for the Miners this year and, in all probability, coach Dwyer will start him against the New Mexico boys next Saturday. Capt. Pomeroy, the sorrel-topped catcher, will be in the game, fighting all the way, as will Orl Walker, chief of the outer gardeners.

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**Favors Diamond Belt For Welters**  
Welch Is Avoiding All Topnotchers

By FRANK G. MENKE.

**NEW YORK**, May 9.—John Reider, the greatest little barber New York ever produced, wants to stage a series of elimination matches to decide the welterweight championship of the world. Incidentally John is greatly miffed because Dan Morgan is claiming the title for Jack Britton, due to Britton's victory over Ted (Kid) Lewis, who is being championed by Jimmy Johnson.

"Where does Morgan get that stuff?" asks the famous little barber. "Who gave Johnson and Morgan the right to match their man and then acclaim the winner the champion? See, those birds have got some nerve!"

"Why, I've got a boy—Coffey, the Mohawk Indian—who can beat both of them in one night! And I'll bet regular money on it!"

**John Would Donate Belt.**  
The unsavory expert, who now manages ring warriors and operates fight clubs when there is a lull in the shaving business feels that the question of welterweight supremacy should be settled by elimination battles. John solemnly declares he will donate a diamond belt with real jockeys in it to the ultimate winner of the milling.

"There are at least six men in the welter division now who are entitled to consideration," said Reider. "In addition to Britton, Lewis and Coffey, there are Willie Ritchie, Mike Glover of Boston, and Mike Powell of St. Paul. Paddy McFarland can be figured in, too, provided he will make the weight."

My plan is to put on a ten round bout each week in my New York club, leaving the decision as to the winner either to the conscience of newspaper

opinion in New York or to a committee of newspaper men appointed by the state boxing commission.

That's the only way in which the welterweight problem can be solved, and I am going to devote my efforts to bringing about such a tournament."

**The Lightweight Squall.**  
There ought to be some sort of elimination in the lightweight division, too. There are at least five men in that class who seem to have a right to meet Freddie Welsh in a decision bout.

But the great trouble would come in getting Welsh to agree to battle anyone over the 20 round route. Welsh knows he is about through. The lion has come through his meetings during the past year with some of the topnotchers.

The champion has been beaten decisively by at least three of the aspirants for his crown. Those fights have been over the short route. Over a greater distance Welsh would get a warm wallop, because he is quite ancient, whereas most of the challengers have youth and greater endurance in their favor.

The best indication of how far Welsh has shuddered is shown by the result of his bout with Ever Hammer. The youngster is mighty clever—and he is coming fast. But he hasn't reached his crest so far. Yet, despite this, he was able to triumph clearly over his champion.

Elimination bouts involving Charlie White, Benny Leonard, Johnny Dunn and Hammer, the winner to meet Welsh in a title scrap—that would be a tasty menu for the pugilistic fans. But Welsh won't do it.

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